

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Wong (U.S. 5,006,859). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant's invention, as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

...the upper antenna electrode has an opening...

As shown in Applicant's figure 1, upper antenna electrode 4a has an opening.

By contrast, Wong does not disclose an upper antenna electrode with an opening. Figure 1 of Wong shows a top view of a single stator element 18 and a single stator element 20. Both stator elements are disks (without openings). Figure 2 of Wong shows a side view of the stators of Figure 1. Again, these are disks (without openings). Figure 3 shows two stator disks (18, 18) side by side and two stator disks (20, 20) side by side. There is a space between the two disks on the left and the two disks on the right. The space, however, is not an opening in an electrode. Thus, as Wong does not include Applicant's claimed upper antenna electrode with an opening, claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

Claim 2 includes the features of claim 1 from which it depends. Thus, claim 1 is also patentable over the art of record.

Claims 3 through 10 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. As these claims, however, depend from claim 1, claims 3 through 10 are also patentable over the art of record.

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In view of the arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.



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